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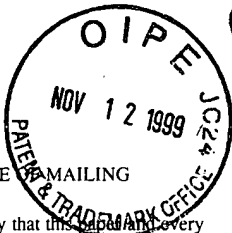
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the disclosure duty under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97, the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 form are enclosed.¹ These documents contain

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information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

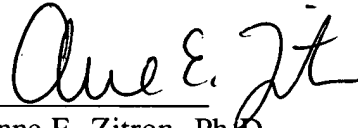
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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